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<i>JW</i>	4,344,193	8-17-82	Kenny	3	1.911	11-28-80
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<i>JW</i>	4,381,007	4-26-83	Doss	128	303.1	4-30-81
<i>JW</i>	4,397,314	8-9-83	Vaguine	128	399	8-3-81
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<i>Jm</i>	4,907,585	3-13-90	Schachar	606	28	12-3-87
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<i>Jm</i>	4,924,865	5-15-90	Bays et al.	606	77	5-16-88
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<i>m</i>	5,366,443	11-22-94	Eggers et al.	604	114	10-9-92
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